

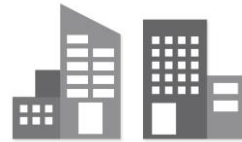
# **2015-2016 Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program Public Review Draft Guidelines**

Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program Staff

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Senate Bill 862, Statutes of 2014

*“...to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through projects that implement land use,*



## Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities Program



*“...and agricultural land preservation practices to support infill and compact development...”*

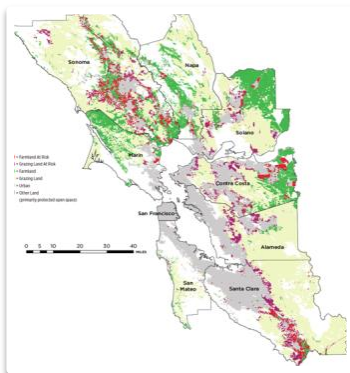


# Purpose

Avoids increases in GHG emissions associated with conversion of California's irreplaceable croplands and rangelands to urban and rural residential development



# SALC Program Categories



## Agricultural Strategies and Outcomes

## Agricultural Conservation Easements



# What's Proposed for SALC in 2015-2016?

- Proposed Program Funding Increased to \$40 million
- Significant Changes to Strategy Grant Section
- Match Requirement for Easement Grants Reduced
- Continuing to Refine GHG Quantification Methodology

# Proposed for Strategy & Outcome Grants

- Higher award threshold raised from \$100K to \$250K
- Refined scoring criteria
- New administrative requirement
- Narrowed list of eligible strategy grant types

**Establish Ag Land  
Mitigation Program**

**Increased Zoning  
Minimum for Designated  
Strategic Ag Areas**

**Adoption of Urban  
Limit Line**



**Establish Ag  
Easement  
Purchasing  
Program**

**Adoption of Greenbelt and  
Implementation Agreement**

**5 proposed  
Strategy & Outcome  
types**



## PROPOSED SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Draft Guidelines Posted for Public Review	October 6, 2015
30 Day Review Period	October 6—November 4, 2015
Public Workshops	November 10, 13 and 16
Public Comment Received by:	November 19, 2015
Final Guidelines Proposed for Council Approval	Late Nov/Early Dec 2015
Recommended for Approval	December 2015 Council Meeting
Request for Proposals Released	January 2016
Applications Due	Late April 2016
Awards Recommended for Approval	Late July/Early August 2016



# GHG Quantification Methodology

## CalEEMod

For agricultural conservation easements, the California Emissions Estimator Model (CalEEMod) calculates the avoided increases in vehicle miles travelled associated with development potential of the property.

Assumes one development right = single family dwelling unit.

### Working On:

- Finalizing QM for 2015-2016, including for Strategy & Outcome grants for approaches other than easements that restrict development of ag land.

### Comments Received:

- Revise to account for GHG emissions associated with urban building energy, and patterns of rezoning.



# Public Workshops on Proposed SALC Draft

November 10, 2015

Tulare, California

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

@ the Energy Education Center

November 13, 2015

Santa Rosa, California

10 a.m. – Noon

@ the Sonoma County Agriculture Preservation & Open Space District

November 16, 2015

Camarillo, California

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

@ the Camarillo Public Library

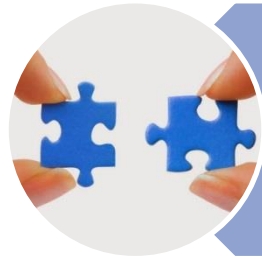
# Work in Progress



Management Practices on  
Agricultural Lands



Farmworker Housing



AHSC/SALC Alignment

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